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For the Year Ending 31st December, 1942.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my **Twenty-second Annual Report**, being for the year 1942.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Bronchitis	—	3
Cancer	3	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1	1
Diabetes	—	—
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	—
Heart Disease	2	7
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	1
Congenital Malformation....	—	1
Senility	—	—
Tuberculosis (pulmonary)	—	1
Violence	—	—
Other Defined Diseases	4	—
Total from all causes	11	17=28

		Total	Male	Female		
Live Births	Legitimate	28	12	16		
	Illegitimate	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.		
	Total	28	12	16	Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	13.2
Stillbirths		1	—	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	34
Deaths		28	11	17	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	13.2

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—

Legitimate :	1	1	-
Illegitimate :	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	71
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	71
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) : 6

Deaths from Measles (all ages) : Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) : Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) : Nil.

Population 2122	Live Birth Rate	Per 1,000 Crude Death Rate	of Estimated Population. Death rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	Death rate from Cancer	Maternal Mortality Rate Per 1,000 live Births	Per 1,000 total still & live births	Rate of Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births
Mean of 5 years 1937-41	11.5	15.2	0.28	2.71	18.52	17.69	40
1941	10.4	15.6	0.47	0.94	Nil.	Nil.	43
1942	13.1	13.1	0.47	2.82	Nil.	Nil.	71
Increase or decrease in 1939 on 5 years' average							
1934-38	+1.6	—2.1	+0.19	+0.11	—18.51	—17.69	+31
Previous year	+2.7	—2.5	—	+1.88	Nil.	Nil.	+28

Adjusted death rate comparability factor not available for 1942.

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area, 3,277 acres ; Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, 2,122 ; No. of inhabited houses, 658 ; Rateable Value, £12,339 ; Sum represented by a penny rate, £51.

HEALTH SERVICES

Accommodation for Smallpox : Moss Side Hospital, Singleton, Fylde, Preston, and Garstang Joint Board.

Accommodation for Infectious Diseases : Infectious Diseases Hospital, Blackpool.

Accommodation for Children's cases : Preston Royal Infirmary (usually).

Accommodation for Maternity cases : Preston or Blackpool Maternity Hospital.

Infectious disease cases going to hospital are taken by the hospital's Motor Ambulance. Other hospital cases go by privately owned vehicles.

The Over Wyre Nursing Association employs a nurse in the district for home nursing.

CHILD WELFARE

A Centre, under the management of the County Council assisted by volunteer local lady helpers is held at the Parochial Hall, Lancaster Road, at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays. A School Dental Clinic is held at the County Council Clinic, 7 Elletson Terrace, Park Lane, at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Clinics for Antenatal, Orthopaedic and Artificial Light treatments are held at the Fleetwood Hospital.

OFFICERS

Your Health Officers are S. A. Nield Faulkner, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., etc., who is Medical Officer of Health as a part-time officer, and Harold Turner, A.M.I.C.E., M.S.I.A., etc., Sanitary Inspector, who is also part-time jointly with his appointment as your surveyor, The salaries of these officers, £60 and £200 respectively are met as to one half by contribution from the County Council.

Officers of the County Council carry out the routine inspection of cattle for tuberculosis, and inspections under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Veterinary inspectors can be called in at the request of the M.O.H. The sampling of milk for School Children and inspections under the Shops Act, 1912-1934, are done by your Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the County Council.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

All but 14 houses in your area have water from the Fylde Water Board. Of the 658 houses in the district, 116 are not connected to the sewerage system by reason of distance from a sewer.

Closet Accommodation : 679 Water Closets, 1 Waste Water Closet
51 Pail Closets, 23 Privy Closets.

2 conversions of Pail Closets to W.C.'s were made, and 1 Privy Closet to W.C.

15 houses await conversion. A further 47 would be convertible upon extension of sewers.

Refuse Collection : Collection is by hired motor vehicle ; Collection from pails and privies by trailer tank vehicle. Collection made from 588 bins, 17 ashpits, 50 pail closets and 24 privies. Collection is not made from 48 houses distant from populous centres.

Refuse Disposal : Refuse is tipped on low-lying land distant from inhabited areas, and covered with soil. Liquid refuse and pail contents are spread on arable fields by permission of farmers.

SANITARY INSPECTION

Our Inspector reports the making of 380 inspections to 215 premises in the discovery of 53 defects and the abating or remedying of 45 of them. 49 informal notices and 8 formal notices were issued, no legal proceedings being required.

Shops Acts : The 40 shops in the district were found satisfactory as regards sanitary conveniences, temperature, ventilation and comfort of assistants where employed.

Fish Fryers : The two premises are well conducted.

Schools : Both schools are satisfactory as to premises and conveniences.

Factories : Those registered under the Factory Act, 1937, are : Salt Works Power House, Corn Mill, three Bakeries, two Garages, three Joiner's shops, two Paintshops and a Printer's works. All are satisfactorily maintained.

Houses let in lodgings : The single house in this class is satisfactory.

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc. : There are no premises of this description continuously occupied. Two sites are licensed for stationing van-dwellings and tents. Byelaws have been adopted for the control of moveable dwellings.

HOUSING

No new houses were erected.

Inspection has been continued under the Consolidated Regulations, 100 visits being made to 50 houses, mostly matters of minor repairs.

A classification of houses in your area shews that 79 are large houses, 3 are inns, 40 are farmsteads, 37 are houses and Shops, 282 are small modern houses, 170 are good older houses, 25 poor type but habitable, and 22 are under orders for demolition.

Overcrowding has not increased ; in some houses the permitted number is slightly exceeded.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The County Council do the examination and sampling of saleable foods, the inspection of dairy cattle, and licensing of accredited milk producers, of whom there are seven in your district.

There are 44 farms in your area. The bulk of local retailing is done by seven farmers. The main production is taken by collecting lorries to depots outside the district.

Pigs slaughtered for home consumption only under licence from the Food Controller. 25 such pigs were inspected.

There are no slaughterhouses in your district. There are four bakehouses which are satisfactorily conducted.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The cases of infectious diseases occurring during 1942 were : Scarlet Fever, 2 ; Whooping Cough, 3 ; Erysipelas, 2 ; Measles, 7 ; Pneumonia, 5 ; swabs from the throat were examined for diptheria by the Clinical Research Association, London. The two cases of Scarlet Fever were removed to hospital. Disinfection of the premises was carried out in respect of all the cases mentioned.

Tuberculosis : Two new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year, one of which — a male in the over 65 age group — was fatal.

My Report is late owing to pre-occupation of myself and sanitary inspector with work immediately necessary.

The number of evacuated children in the district is greatly diminished from that of previous years. No special comment is necessary on the incidence of disease in the district.

The making of any considerable sanitary improvements has of necessity to be deferred until the beginning of peace and I refrain from enumerating them for the present.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. A. NIELD-FAULKNER.

